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Dear Congressman Crapo:

This is in reply to your letter of March 23, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). Specifically, you are concerned about the potential effect of the proposals for low power private land mobile radio users on radio control model airplane hobbyists.

In brief, we anticipate that these proposals will have no impact on model airplane users. Model airplane users have shared spectrum on a secondary basis with industrial users for over 25 years. The low power industrial user and the radio control model airplane hobbyists effectively share spectrum through geographic separation. Until 1992, the only airplane channels were

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Congress of the United States
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March 23, 1993

Mr. James Quello
Acting Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear James:

I am writing to express the concerns of model airplane users regarding the proposed rules under FCC Docket 92-235. Both model airplane manufacturers and the 2,400 chartered clubs of the Academy of Model Aeronautics have indicated that new rules will cause harm to model airplane radio frequency use.

Despite FCC staff assurance that the new frequencies are destined for industrial plant operations and not "mobile" in the sense of transmitters moving about at will, the document does not support this limited use statement. Over 500,000 radio systems are sold each year for model use on the 72 and 75 MHz bands. Not only would interference from land mobile units compromise the control of these radio operated model airplanes, but the increased price of new radio systems for model airplane hobbyists would be prohibitive.

Thank you for your consideration of the views put forth by the model airplane industry. I look forward to the FCC's continued support of model airplane users.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Crapo
Member of Congress

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